# DRIVE IS BEGUN ON BESSARABIA

Tentons Bombard Muscovites on Russian Side of Danube.

FIGHT IN CARPATHIANS

Czar's Troops Storm Peak on Moldavian Frontier, Capturing Guns.

LONDON, Dec. 24 .- Von Mackensen's Debrudja army may celebrate Christmas on Russian soil. German cannon are preparing for a crossing of the Danube, throwing shells across the river into Russian trenches on the Bessarabian

Gen. Sakharoff is losing his last foothold on the tiny peninsula in northwest-ern Dobrudja. Berlin announces to-night that the Russians have been driven from Isakcha.

from Isakein.

The Russians in the trenches on the Danube that the Germans are shelling are in a tight corner. They are exposed to gunfire from three sides, an enfliading fire extremely difficult to endure. They will be hard put to it to hold their positions and prevent German. Turking and tions and prevent German, Turkish and Bulgarian infantry from crossing.

### Germans Shell Tulteha.

German guns are shelling the north bank of the Danube on both sides of Tultcha, the large Dobrudja town which the Germans took yesterday. Tultcha is at the apex of a small peninsula formed by a southward bend of the Danube. On this peninsula are the Russian positions, exposed to fire from Tultcha in front and from either side

of the peninsula.

The peninsula and the ground about it is at the upper end of the Danube delta and very swampy. Beyond are many small lakes and lagoons dotting ountry to the north as far as the the northern of the three Danube Fifteen miles north of the peninsula is the large Bessarabian town of

Ismail.

A little further to the west of Tultcha there is a more favorable spot for a crossing, where only the main stream of the Danube would have to be crossed. Still further west in the region of Isakeha, which has just been occupied by the Teutons, a crossing could be made toward the Bessarabian town of Kartal, where the bank is not so marshy.

### Fear Felt for Odessa.

In this situation grave fears are felt for Odessa, the great Russian port on the Black Sea, which is only 125 miles from Tultcha. If the Teutons cross they will be able also to sever important routes by which men and munitions are being sent from Russia Into Rumania. One of these runs south through Bessarabia to Reni, on the northern bank of the Danube, only fifteen miles west of Isakcha.

While yielding ground in the Dobruji in the Carpathians, with some success. mountain peak on the Moldavian frontier was stormed by Russian troops, who struggled to its crest through deep snow. captured five officers and 100 mer and three machine guns. The admit this Russian success, which they

In Great Wallachia there was indec eive fighting, in which the Germans used heavy artillery to cover desperate attacks upon the Russian positions. Heavy fighting continued all day, but without deci-sion. At another point the Teutons made five attempts to attack, all of which the statement describes as weak and says were repulsed.

### The Capture of lankcha.

The German statement to-night at the taking of leakcha. The German day statement follows: Army group of Field Marshal von Mackensen: By the operations of the Dobrudja army the enemy has been pushed into the name of the particles. pushed into the northwestern corner of the country. The north bank of the Danube on both sides of Tultcha

in under the fire of our guns.

Front of Archduke Joseph: In the ertillery fire temporarily increased in the Ludova and Kirlibaba sectors. North of the Uzul Valley the Russians seam launched an attack. After an unsuccessful advance they gained a footing on a height of the Magyaros

The Russian statement on the Rumanian front follows: Throughout the day the enemy was

active in the region between Kassina and Zabalia villages

### Russians in Hot Fight. In the region of Galberenul and

In the region of Galberenui and Drogul the enemy, under cover of his heavy artillery, repeatedly attacked us. Desperate fighting continued here throughout the day. In the region of Batogu and Vilinu we repulsed five weak enemy attempts to assume the offensive.

In the Dobrudja the enemy con-tinued to attack our troops, who with-frew toward Isakcha. Some airplanes dropped bombs on the region of the Yanka railway sta-tion (Great Wallachia) on the Buzeu-Braila line. German airplanes landed and an officer and two soldiers were

the wooded Carpathlans, after artillery preparation, we attacked enemy treaches on the heights north of the River Cusa (Casulul) and cap-tured some of them after violent hand

to hand fighting, taking three machine guns, five officers and 100 men. We are consolidating the slopes south of the captured height.

The Russian statement on the front in Galicia and Volhynia reads:

After an attack by artillery and rife fire against our bridgehead near the village of Boldura the enemy at-tempted an offensive, but was dis-Bystritza in the region of the village of Liachovicky, south of Bohorodozany, were easily repulsed. Near the village of Kablonka, west of Zolowimy, our scouts surrounded and made prisoners of an enemy field post.

## RUSSIAN THRUST VAIN.

Have Gained Only Minor Advantages, Says Berlin Critic.

BERLIN (by wireless), Dec. 24.-Only minor advantages in the Oituz Valley have been gained by the Russians in their four weeks offensive in the wooded Carpathians and along the Transyl-vanian eastern frontier, and these have been counterbalanced by local successes

One of the boilers was put out of companian eastern frontier, and these have been counterbalanced by local successes; elsewhere by the Austro-German forces, while she was thus cripe was News Agency.

"The armies of Gens. von Arz and you have the they took during the great thrust in fictober, while on Gen. von Goerke's front in the mid-Carpathians angle the front in the mid-Carpathians angle the central Powers in consequence of the cavance in eastern Wallachia. The enemal sound in the property was headed toward the coast. Veterans of the crew said the savance in eastern Wallachia. The enemal sound in the mid-Carpathians angle the eadvance in eastern Wallachia. The enemal person of the companies of the Loss mission during the vessel. While she was thus cripe of the Loss mission during the vessel. While she was thus cripe of the Loss mission during the vessel. While she was thus cripe of the Loss and the

ing to hold off the pressure of the Austro-German forces.

"From this point the front turns eastward and runs along the Slanic Valley in an almost direct east and west direction south of Rimnik Sarat, where it is continued by the new Rumanian defensive position on the Rimnik Sarat-Filipescu-Ceacarul line. This line through eastern Wallachia is about 70 kilometers (45 miles) in length and is prolonged by the Dobrudja position. Their positions in the plain offer the Russo-Rumanian armies only limited security for their southern front resting on the Danube and the Black Sea."

ARCHIES' END RAID

OF GERMAN FLIERS

Guns Hurl Shrapnel Amon Advancing Airplanes as Aviators Ascend.

their southern front resting on the Danube and the Black Sea."

The writer alludes to the fighting on the western front during the past few days as nothing more than the usual trench warfare, noting the cessation of important operations in the Verdun region and a continuation of the calm on the Somme front.

"The situation of, the combatants on the third war Christmas," he concludes, 7does not differ from that of one and two years ago, the relation of the forces remaining identical even though the

remaining identical even though the means of warfare have been increased in gigantic fashion."

### **ALL LUXURIES NOW** BARRED IN AUSTRIA

New Law Prohibits Importation of Fruits, Furs, Toys, Jewelry, &c.

Hungary of all articles of luxury became crack. A moment later a shrapnel shell effective to-day. The list includes south-

looked upon as a culmination of the ef-forts of Emperor Charles in pursuance a the desire attributed to him to solidify

### EGGS FROM HOLLAND.

Trenty Signed Providing for Supply for Germany.

London, Dec. 24.-Holland and Gernany have signed a treaty providing for a supply to the latter of eggs, milk and fruit, says a Central News despatch from Amsterdam to-day.

### DEFENDS D. THOMAS CURTIN.

ord Northeliffe Says Correspond

ent Gave Valuable Ald to U. S. BOSTON Dec. 24 .- The Globe has reveived the following despatch from Lord Northcliffe regarding certain statements cabled to this country dealing with the attitude of Americans in London toward D. Thomas Curtin, whose letters in the condon Times dealing with conditions in Germany attracted considerable atten

truthful statements in Boston newspa-pers concerning my plucky young Amercitizens in London. This statement is

"Mr. Curtin received a hearty welcome and record attendance at the American to "get on the other fellow's tail." This the forthcoming investigation by the Club and has been a guest since ob- means a position above and slightly be-

Club and has been a guest since objections were sent to the club by three disgruntled rival newspaper men, one of the substituted rival newspaper men, one of these three men dares publish here what he cabled to America.

"I, brought the matter before the board of control of the club, who expressed their indignation. Mr. Gordon Selfridge, London's leading American business man, was especially annoyed. He entirely supports Mr. Curtin, telegraphed his congratulation on his good work and has indorsed the club's in
"Archie" shells often blow airplanes out thing about the Lawson statement as it thing about the Lawson statement as it.

work and has indorsed the club's in-

dorsement of Mr. Curtin. "Mr. Curtin is now engaged on a lecire tour and is everywhere the gueest of leading American and English people He has performed valuable service for the United States Government by put-ting at its disposal important informa-tion as to Germany's hostile insentions. His passport expired on October 13, and provided with a Home Office book. Northcliffe."

The letters of Mr. Curtin on conditions in Germany were cabled to THE SUN and appeared in its columns.

### CANADIAN LABOR REASSURED.

ensus of Manhood Power Asserted

Not to Mean Conscription. OTTAWA, Dec. 24.—Representatives of labor who have protested through their executives against the Canadian Government's national service plan have received from Director of Na-

he is concerned, only to put the Govern-ment in a position to achieve a max-imum of production of munitions, food and other necessities for the population of the Dominion as well as for the military and civil populations of the allied

Premier Borden and his Ministers on Tuesday will give the labor representa-tives a formal hearing and an answer o their objections.

### LIGHTSHIP, CRIPPLED, IN PORT.

Nantucket Shoals Vessel Arrives at New Bedford After a Battle.

New Beorono, Mass., Dec. 24.—The Nantucket Shoals Lightship No. 85, which was blown from her station by the eighty mile gale Friday night, crept into port to-day after a trying experi-

One of the boilers was put out of com-

# OF GERMAN FLIERS

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FIGHT LIKE GREAT BIRDS

Dart, Dash, Circle, Turn in Battles at High Altitudes Above the Clouds.

WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES IN FRANCE (via London), Dec. 24.—A day of sun-shine—a rarity in December on the Brit-ish front—caused a temporary revival of activity among the aviators to-day, presenting a spectacle which a few years ago could have lived only in the imagination.

out of the distance there came early in the day a series of black specks which gradually grew until they took the form of German airplanes. From points of telescopic observation their approach had been signalled long before even the first tiny dots were visible to the maked eye. British guns were already climbing inhances were already climbing the signaline series already climbing. ish airphines were already climbing above the Fuins of the shell torn Flem-ish town to challenge the invaders. While the German machines were still

VIENNA, via London, Dec. 24.—A law over their own lines the British anti-prohibiting the importation into Austria-ban to speak. There was a sharp, angry effective to-day. The list includes southern fruits, champagne, chocolate, high priced textiles, such as silk and hair silk garments, furs, toys, jewelry, musical instruments and perfumery. The intent of the law is to prevent the outgo of money to foreign countries and cause improved axchange rates.

Travellers to Austria-Hungary are warned not to wear jewelry, which will be confiscated at the border.

In political circles here the appointment of Count Czernin von Chudenitz as Austro-Hungarian Foreign Minister is looked men a white puff and the another, until it seemed that half a hundred "Archies" must be going and the sky became a fretwork of white smoke balls, each one marking a spot where a breaking shell had showered its leaden bullets upon the fast travelling Germans.

Plugging in and out among the ex ploding shrapnel, the approaching air-planes left a trail of these flecks and gary. Count Czernin is a German-Bohemian, with a successful record as a
diplomat, and personally close to the Emperor, to Count Tisza, the Hungarian
peror, to Count Clam-Martiniz, the
Count Clam-Martiniz, the
control of the hostile meters could now be heard,
mingled with the louder, bee like drone
of the English machines, and between
of the English machines, and between relations between Austria and Hun relations between Austria and Hun rey. Count Czernin is a German-Bo-through the danger zone of their own the scarcely perceptible intervals of the "Archies" fire came the staccate notes of the machine gurs. The British airmen had opened fire before reaching the level of their adversaries.

Now the British machines began to

close in from various directions and the invaders turned suddenly and started for their own lines. Their precipitate re-trest was marked by the same trail of shell fire as had been their approach. The British aviators pursued, but having now the advantage of height and a div-ing start for home, the Germans temrarily got away. This was the first phase of the day's

battles in the air—a prelude to the later fighting, when two German machines ame crashing to earth in spinning nose dives. Airplanes are never so much like birds as when they meet in combat. They durt, dash, circle, turn and sweep like so many feathered warriors, and often the battles rage at such high altitudes that the machines become all but

### Mancruvring for Position.

Again there will be a fight among the ouds, when the more daring aviators make startling plunges through the intervening mist to catch their opponents unaware. Always there is great maican correspondent, Mr. D. Thomas the first states that Mr. Curtin has been hadly reserved by his fellow American ern airplane can do; even to excelling hadly reserved by first statement is the birds in their own element by flying

Most of the fighting aviators endeavor

When the history of aviation in the present war is written it will contain some of the most thrilling chapters of the strange world conflict. The British Flying Corps has established records of daring and attainment which even in the colorless official reports of the corps read like fiction. Recently there have been fights on the British front in which from slay to eighty machines were entered. from sixty to eighty machines were en-gaged. Such battles begin with indi-vidual fights and gradually develop into what the aviators term a "general

Pighting at Close Range. There have been as high as ninety-six to-day and to be a little more specific if digitized fights in a single day on this front alone. Near the point where the british and French lines join there have been fights in which the French have come to the assistance of the English and the English have gone to the assistance of the French to help defeat the Germans. There have been numerous engagements in which a British aviator has closed within twenty yards of his if ordered, will be broader than is conplan have received from Director of National Service Bennett a reply stating that the proposed census of Canada's manhood power has nothing to do with conscription for military service, it was learned to-night.

Mr. Bennett asserted the stock taking of men in Canada is designed, so far as a British aviator brought his machine in Canada is designed, so far as a British aviator brought his machine in the proposed census of Canada's developments of a day or two relating to the proposed census of Canada's developments of a day or two relating to the proposed census of Canada's developments of a day or two relating to the proposed census of Canada's developments of a day or two relating to the proposed census of Canada's developments of a day or two relating to the two statements from the State of the Senators and Representative who are interested in probing the matter are saying that the investigation. If ordered, will be broader than its content of the Senators and Representative who are interested in probing the matter are saying that the investigation. If ordered, will be broader than its content of the Senators and Representative who are interested in probing the matter are saying that the investigation. If ordered, will be broader than its content of the Senators and Representative who are interested in probing the matter are saying that the investigation. If ordered, will be broader than its content of the Senators and Representative who are interested in probing the matter are saying that the investigation. If ordered, will be broader than its content of the problem of the problem

down with only one wing.

On one occasion three British machines deliberately dived into a formathe desire in Congress is to develop whether there is any direct means of the stroying two. Another time two British aviators attacked eleven Germans, and once a Second Lieutenant of the British corps attacked five hostile machines. He was attacked from behind, but turned and got in the rear of the hostile craft and keeping "on its tail" drove it down.

The British aviators take great satisfaction at the result of a recent fight when they attacked a German bombing squadron which was trying to cross the British lines. In the heat of the aerial combat the Germans let go bombs which fell into their own lines.

Even the outlines of the President's messages and his important recommendations have been known in the

Gen. Otts Makes \$150,000 Gift.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 24 .-- A Christmas gift of the Bivouac, formerly the home of Gen. Harrison Gray Otis, president and general manager of the Los

### JILTED SOLDIER ENDS LIFE

Naylor Found Sweetheart Married

on Return From Border. When Eara B. Naylor, Jr., of 201 Fremont street, Peekskill, went to the Mexican border last summer with the Seventh Regiment, N. G. N. Y., he was engaged to marry a young woman in that city. Saturday night he rejoined his family to find waiting for him a note that told him she had married in his absence. Early yesterday morning, while his

Early yesterday morning, while his family was still asleep, Naylor got up from bed and put on his full guardsman's uniform. He was found in the kitchen of his home dead, with all the gas jets in the room turned on.

Although the young man had been back from Texas several days, his workwith the New York Central Railroad in this city kept him away from home and ignorant of what had happened. The note seemed to unnerve him. He brooded and spent a great deal of time cleaning up his rifle before he went to bed. No one of his family noticed his absence from his room until after daylight, when his mother discovered gas issuing from the kitchen.

# SMALLPOX HOLDS UP

Most of Passengers Aboard Kristianafjord May Go to Hoffman Island.

The Norwagian-America liner Kris-tianisfjord sailed serenely into Quaran-tine yesterday afternoon with 78 first cabin, 125 second cabin and 432 third cabin passengers, chiefly Scandinavians, most of whom hoped to spend Christmas day in this vicinity. But a Finnish im-migrant who had developed smallpox on the voyage from Bergen held the ship up and she was ordered to anchorage off Clifton.

Thereafter until late last night the vaccinating force of Quarantine was busy inoculating those who had no proof that they were protected against small-pox. The Finn was sent to Swinburne Island and all the 432 third cabin passengers, including some American citizens, were told they might have to remain fourteen days on Hoffman Island for observation.

for observation.

Hoffman Island at this season is one of the bleakest places inside any bay of the country, and there are no Christmas trees there except perhaps in the homes of some of the employees, and these few would be a controlled to the employees. Scandinavians, whose Viking ancestor-invented the great bush. That is why the Scandinavians felt unhappy. Still they had a tree aboard, as they have, the Norwegian-America line mak-have, the Norwegian-America line mak-ing a specialty of them, and there was the Commissioner for the support of children had been violated.

The only reason the Scandinavians did nt spend Christmas eve on Hoffman Island is that there were no barges available to take them there. There may not be any to-day, this being even more of holiday than Sunday, and after all every-

Among the passengers is Karl von Wi gand, war correspondent, who has beer long in Germany giving the German viewpoint of the war.

# ON CAPITAL 'LEAKS'

Financier Says Stock Market Had Advance Information of Wilson Note.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.-Interest 1

of the line by making many punctures thing about the Lawson statement as it in their wings, but the machines thus is viewed here is that it leaves no exlamaged generally are brought safely cuse for not ordering the investigation

> will occur before the New Year. Boston financier professes to ha formation about the situation that is lin

It is probable that Mr. Lawson will t as reenforcements arrive from asked by Representative Wood, author of the resolution, or some one equally interested in the matter, to confirm the statement credited to him in the press

The desire in Congress is to develop

able to advise their friends of the con-tents of important messages or papers

in advance of these being given out that suggests very close connection with high official sources.

Even the outlines of the President's messages and his important recommendations have been known in the speculative centres several days before their delivery in Congress. Senators and Representatives my there ought tors and Representatives may there ought to be a way of fixing the responsibility for this leakage.

It was said to-day that the Senate might act if the House stifled the in-quiry proposed by Representative Wood. Two or three Senators stand ready to

### GRANNY BERSINGER SET FREE BY A WRIT

Will Be Better Than Tombs Chicken.

Asking Aid of Mother-inlaw, She Declares.

Mrs. Clara F. Bereinger, the Richnend Hill grandmother who was sent to the workhouse by Magistrate Henry Miller of Jamaica on December 14 under a six months sentence because che wouldn't, just wouldn't, pay \$5 a week for the support of three small grand-635 ON XMAS EVE children, was released from fall yester-

Stores being closed, she couldn't get a Christmas turkey for herself and Grandfather Bereinger, but friends invited the elderly pair to have Christmas dinner with them, which, grandmother said last night, "will be vastly different to eating chicken in the

The youngsters toward whose support Mrs. Bersinger declined to pay are Myrtle, Calvin and Arthur Jones, 4, 3 and 2 years respectively. They are the chil-dren of Mrs. Bersinger's son, Arthur Jones, and it was Mrs. Edna B. P. Jones,

After Edgar F. Hazelton, Mrs. Bersinger's attorney, applied to Supreme Court Justice Greenbaum on Saturday for a review of her case Mrs. Bersin-ger was transferred from the Blackand the Justice asked counsel to subm Mr. Hazelton sat up un briefe. clock yesterday morning preparing his argument.

The Justice gave up a good part of he day to his consideration of the case would give little cheer to a multitude of ground that the committing Magistrate had no jurisdiction. He decided that under Section 683 of the City Charter a Magistrate could have jurisdiction only

> the document and Grandmother Berginger was released. She went straight to her home at 169 Cedar avenue, Richmond Hill.

said to a SUN man. "It will be in strange contrast with the chicken dinner which, I am informed, will be served to the inmates of the workhouse on Christmas Day. This meal I will enjoy will not be served on a tin plate. One of the hardest things I had to stand on Blackwell's Island was the vile board which was dished up on tin plates. As bad as the fare was, I found that some of the half famished inmates were giad oyster, thus making the expense of the

"During my stay in the workhouse wan not compelled to work because the authorities there said they didn't know why I was sent to fail. I am not an idle woman, however, and I kept myself busy making bandages and other things in the Red Cross department. I had a cell all n life among a lot of degenerates!

siderable money to the support of her Rolls-Royce with the children until I found that she would do nothing herself. Mrs. Jones didn't ask est person in all Greenwich Village got me to help her. She demanded it. Unfor a long time. The whitewash fell for the circumstances when a daughter-off the interior of Flos Gough's stable in great flakes. Laughter shook the simply der the circumstances when a daughterin-law has her husband's mother put in
jall and demands of that mother that she
stalls. And Jack McGrath, who simply
shall support her and her children what
would any woman of spirit do? She
would do exactly as I did, absolutely reincrease of an Oxater.

"I am a thrifty woman. I save where can, but it would be utter foolishness o pay out money to a woman who will not work. I am willing to do anything to save my husband's salary, but I wouldn't ask my mother-in-law for help.

### much less demand it. I'd scrub floors

U. S. PROPOSITION TO SIBERIANS Instan Commercial Organizations Get Cooperative Trade Offer.

PETROGRAD (via London), Dec. 24 .-Petrograd semi-official news agency publishes the following:
"The commercial organizations of Sirating conditions with respect to com- with a whole live Lynn Haven. mercial transactions between the United

### ONE OYSTER STEWED IN VILLAGE STABLE

Says Friend's Turkey Dinner Take It From Greenwich Mayor McGrath, Florence Gough Gave Real Party.

OBJECTS TO PANS IN JAIL YULETIDE IN THE STUDIOS

Would Scrub Floors Before Polly Holloday, Pauline Royce and Billy Rowle Have a Hand in the Brew.

All Greenwich Village will bear wit-

for alr until all hours yesterday afternoon—the Mayor under consideration
being, of course, the Hon. Jack McGrath,
ex-officio "Mayor of Greenwich Village."
The party, which was held in the
whitewashed stable at 150 West Fourth
street, where Flos Gough designs and
sells — especially sells — pre-Raphaelite
sowns, futuristic toys, neo-pre-neo-pant
performance-pre-cubistic shirtwaists and
other sethetic bits of virtu, would have
been just one of those Village parties
if it hadn't been for a bright thought
which Mayor McGrath picked right out
of his own head early in the proceedings
yesterday morning.
"My children." exclaimed Mayor
McGrath in fatherly solemn tones to

"My children," exclaimed Mayor McGrath in fatherly solemn tones to Flos and Polly Holloday and Georgie Baker, who washes the paper napkins in Polly's and does other odd jobs around Miss Holloday's noted Village restaurant—"my children," the Village's leading citizen repeated to Flos and Polly and Georgie and Louise Coomes and Norman Jacobson and a number of and Norman Jacobson and a number of other eminent celebrities of the neigh-borhood, whose names cannot be liste borhood, whose names cannot be lister owing to the fact that the reporter los his notes during the party, "we should not fall to remember that, in the last analysis [long applause] this is a sea-son of the year which has a more seri-ous aspect which often is overlooked.

### Elysian Fields of Oratory.

"Taking things by and large [pro-longed handelapping] it comes to me like a bolt from the blue [cheers] that the less said the soonest mended. [Applause lasting eight minutes.] Necessity is the mother of invention. [More applause and cries of Three cheers for the English language."] Willy nilly [applause] I say without fear of successful contra diction [long applause] that this func tion, lacking a serious note, is like 'Ham-let' without the Great Dane. [Tremen-

was wont [applause] to go to constant was well and 15 cents a pound.

It was decided at the session to continue to lend a touch of sweet solemnity to the presnt function, concoct an oyster siew here and now. Billie Rowle or Jess Beale or—oh, any of you boys or girls run over to Sixth avenue and get the oyster. In the meantime we shall make oyster. In the meantime we shall make the oyster. In the meantime we shall make of the short ner out of jail after all." Mrs. Bersinger said to a Sun man. "It will be in strange contrast with the chicken dinstrange contrast with the served ful occasion just that note of the spiritagone." [Prolonged cheers and stamp-

### Riding in a Supercilious Six.

evening as light as possible, when a di-version happened. In came Miss Pauline Royce, fresh from the Baby Ball at the Liberal Club, just then. Billie Rowle, who is the neu-super-pre-Joemiller wit of all the Village's bright folk, grabbed the arm of Polly Royce.

"Wait a minute—get this one, brother and sister artists," cried Billie Rowle. and sister artists," cried Billie Rowle-simultaneously trying to held back the Red Cross department. I had a cell all to myself, which is not the usual thing.

'The attendants treated me with respect. I demanded respect and got it. Think of putting a woman of my station

Think of putting a woman of my station in life among a lot of degenerates!

"As regards my daughter-in-law's treatment of me: I had contributed considerable money to the support of her children until I found that she would do nothing herself. Mrs. Loren didn't and the world with the contributed constituence of the children until I found that she would do nothing herself. Mrs. Loren didn't and the wittle-

# In Search of an Oyster. They laughed so long over Billie's Rolls-Royce wheeze—and he said later that the joke was wholly impromptu— that for a long time everybody forgot

what it was that Mayor Jack McGrath had been suggesting when Billie's im-agination jumped into action. Then they remembered the church festival oyster in the Provincetown and the Washing-ton Square Players, whose names also were lost when the reporter's notes dis-appeared, hastened out into the gather-ing dawn to get the desired oyster. They had to go all the way up to Jefferson Market before they came to an oyster stand which althouse open, was owned "The commercial organizations of Siberia have received from a commercial association of New York a proposition But they came upon such a combination for cooperation with a view to amello-The stew already had been concocted in Flos's copper punch bowl. Not even

### CHARGE PATRONS MAY TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THESE SALES AND HAVE BILLS RENDERED FEB. 1

M. Gidding & Co.

Begin-Tomorrow

# MID-WINTER **SALES**

GOWNS-WRAPS · SVITS COATS BLOVSES MILLINERY AND FVRS

AT VERY GREAT REDUCTIONS

# a fireless cooker was needed to get the liquid part of the stew interested in itself. Three quarts of Italian, one quart of French, a dash of bitters, a heaping fire shovel of Geneva, a quart of Jamaica and enough Scotch creosote to fill the punch bowl comfortably and the stew ingredients were ready. Into the stew the live oyster was dropped. For a few moments, only a few, it really seemed to beam upon Flos and her guests as they gathered around the bowl to see it get stewed. And then, just as the oyster was starting to try to sing a lot of the stew got under its gills and it sank mert to the

der its gills and it sank inert to the depths of the dark amber mixture.

was a big bay horse, and if bothered further would break loose and kick somebody to death. And then he whin-nied twice and went back to sleep.

KOSHER BEEF PRICE

IS CUT BY PACKERS

Boycott by 1,300 Butchers Re-

sults in Reduction From

17 1-2 to 15 Cts. a Pound.

It was announced yesterday at a meeting of 1,300 kosher butchers in a loft a

he so-called poultry trust, will speak. Nathan Zvirin, attorney for the Fed-

eration of Hebrew Retail Kosher Butch-ers of America, was the principal speaker yesterday. He said the public

getting a better understanding of the

A picketing committee of responsible

their plodges not to buy from whole-salers during the period of the "protest." The Bakers' Weekly has issued a call

organ says, "the selling price of bread

and other materials needed in the man

words, if you should be fortunate enough to have your storeroom stocked with \$6 flour and that commedity to-day selfs

must invariably be adapted to the

facture of the staff of life

TO FORMULATE POLICIES

He Is Not Content With Merely Opposing Democratic Proposals.

depths of the dark amber mixture.

Fearful that the presence of the oyster would vitiate the stew there was hesitancy for a time on the part of the assembled guests to sample the dish. But Billie Rowle finally got off another wheeze about the oyster being pickled (space limits forbid the reckal here of the jest in full), whereupon everybody first died of laughter and then sampled the stew on the theory that anything is worth trying once.

"To make a long story short," as Mayor McGrath put it last night when he finally came up for air, the stew was so great a success that the village upon meeting the WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.-Agitation for

All Greenwich Village will bear witness to the fact that the Mayor had such a deuce of a time at Florence Gough's party Saturday night and Sunday morning, that he didn't come up for air until all hours yesterday afternoon—the Mayor under consideration being, of course, the Hon. Jack McGrath, ex-officio "Mayor of Greenwich Village."

The party, which was held in the whitewashed stable at 150 West Fourth street, where Flos Gough designs and sells—especially sells—pre-Raphaelite sowns, futuristic toys, neo-pre-neo-pant performance-pre-cubigic shirtwaists and other extended the party, but that maybe some one was suited to the stable of the function to try to get from the village celebrities who had attended her party. At the Mad Hatter's next door it was said that Miss Gough had sells—especially sells—pre-Raphaelite sowns, futuristic toys, neo-pre-neo-pant performance-pre-cubigic shirtwaists and other extended the party, but that maybe some one was still left in the stable.

Repeated knockings at the stable door place, Representative Gardner of Massachusetts said he would immediately seek to have a conference called for the purpose of "formulating policies" for the

Repeated knockings at the stable door brought no response for a time. Finally entry to the dark interior was gained, and in the half light a gentleman was encountered seated in one of the stalls with his head in his hoofs. He looked up just long enough to say that owing to the fact the day was Sunday there was no one about the place, and he added the further information that he was a big bay horse, and if bothered Mann, we obtain a conference should be entirely disassociated from his opposition to Mr.
Mann, which, he says, is based solely on
his conviction that Mr. Mann stands for
"Prussia and Prussianism" in international affairs. Until Mann indorsed
President Wilson's recent peace message,
Gardner said, he favored the Illinois

### Mr. Gardner's Aim.

"I shall endeavor to have a con-ference called to formulate policies and discuss them rather than personalities," said the Massachusetts Representative. "I am tired to death of waiting for a lot of bigwigs in the Republican party to of bigwigs in the Republican party to prepare a platform for us that means nothing. The Republican party more nearly represents the people than any other, and it is high time that we were planning for urging the adoption of many progressive ideas which already have been incorporated into laws in other countries."

Representative Lenroot evinced keen interest in the conference proposal, and said he favored a similar plan. "There

said he favored a similar plan. tion, lacking a serious hole, is use "lain" on Friday not to buy at wholesale or sell let' without the Great Dane. [Trementious applause.]

"When I was a little tad, knee high to a grasshopper [hysterical approbation] I was wont [applause] to go to church affairs whereat the masterwork was the church overtex the masterwork was the followed them to be content with masterwork was the church overtex the masterwork was the followed them to be content with masterwork was the followed them to be content with masterwork was the followed them to be content with masterwork was the church overtex the masterwork was the church overtex the masterwork was the church of the masterwork was the masterwork was the church of the masterwork was the masterwork was the church of the masterwork was the followed them to be content with the masterwork was the followed them to be content with the masterwork was the followed them to be content with the masterwork was the followed them to be content with the masterwork was the followed them to be content with the masterwork was the followed them to be content to be content to the masterwork was the followed them to be content to be content to the masterwork was the followed them to be content to the masterwork was the followed them to be content to the masterwork was the followed them to be content to the masterwork was the followed them to be content to the masterwork was the followed them is a very general sentiment on the Re-publican side," he said," for a confer-

Coincident with the return of Mr. Gardner it became known that he re-cently conferred with Coi. Roosevelt on the House situation. Other than saying that a conference had been held, bow-ever. Mr. Gardner declined to discuss

reasons why the kosher butchers are re-fusing to do business with the whole-salers. The wholesale price must come down to a reasonable figure, he said, or else retailers cannot expect to do much business with their customers.

A picketing computition. the meeting. butchers was appointed to make the rounds of the city to-day to see how owners of kosher shops are living up to interpreted as indicating that he intends to take more than a passing interest in

the organization of the House.

Representative Gardner's announcement of his intention to agitate for a to bakers to regulate their retail price of for a loaf of bread according to market price of flour. When wheat goes up flour goes up and when wheat goes down committees, who are classified as irrecconference met a cordial response am oncilable stanpatters from getting chair-"To place the baking business on a manships unless they make truly sound financial basis," the bakers' tions of Progressive principles. unless they make declara-

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four and that commodity to-day sells at \$9 a barrel you have your cost accounting on the latter figure and not on the lower quotation. This slone is sound business judgment, and will eventually eliminate the uncertainty now existing in the banking industry. There is no good reason why a baker should not adapt himself to typical business principles the same as any other merchant."

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun, Panis, Dec. 24.—The city of Paris municipal budget report for 1917 shows a floating debt of \$140,000,000 and an increased yearly expenditure compared with 1914 which will exceed \$20,000,000 after the war.

The report advocates raising \$200,000,000 by a loan and extra taxation yielding \$8,000,000 a year.

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